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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President protempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, who sustains our universe by Your boundless power, preserve our Senators with Your goodness, and rule them with Your justice. Lord, we cast ourselves entirely upon Your faithfulness, for You are the source of every blessing.

Stabilize our lawmakers in the midst of the contradictions of reality. Grant that they will be able to make sense out of life's complexities. Lord, help our legislators know the constancy of Your presence and the certainty of Your judgment as You guide them with Your higher wisdom.

We pray in Your generous Name.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BLACKBURN). The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PARKLAND SHOOTING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, this Friday marks the 2-year anniversary of the shooting at the school in Parkland, FL, where 17 innocent lives were lost at the hands of evil. We will never forget that tragic moment and day.

I am dedicated to keeping weapons from dangerous people. That is why I have introduced the EAGLES Act over the past 2 years. This bipartisan, bicameral bill reauthorizes and expands the leading center in threat assessment and prevention. This bill is a tribute to the victims and the families.

Also, the Justice Department still hasn't provided to Congress its report on the shooting. I hope the Department of Justice will get off the stick. It owes it to the families to get this report done.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

FORT KNOX

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, yesterday, the U.S. Army and the Commonwealth of Kentucky both received some really great news.

Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy and Army Chief of Staff GEN James McConville announced that Fort Knox will be the headquarters for the new Army Corps. They stopped by my office last night to discuss the good news.

The new Fifth Corps will support U.S. forces and operations in Europe, helping fulfill requirements of the national defense strategy. It is expected to bring more than 600 additional soldiers to Fort Knox.

Along with Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE and Senator PAUL, I had urged

Army leadership to select Fort Knox for this new corps headquarters, and, obviously, we think they made a great choice.

Now Fifth Corps will join the eight commands already stationed there, including the Army's Human Resources, Recruiting, and Cadet Commands. I have worked for years to help ensure that Fort Knox receives the national attention that it deserves.

It is really great to see the Army agrees that its high-quality facilities are perfect for this new headquarters. The extraordinary work of the Knox Regional Development Alliance has made it a wonderful place both to live and to work—both for servicemembers and for their families.

Last year I was proud to host Defense Secretary Mark Esper in Kentucky to meet with members of the Fort Knox community. I am certainly grateful to him, Secretary McCarthy, and General McConville for recognizing our potential.

WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, on another matter, today, the Senate will consider a War Powers Resolution offered by the junior Senator from Virginia. Our colleague's resolution is deeply flawed on a number of levels.

As I explained yesterday, it is too blunt and too broad. It is also an abuse of the War Powers Act, which was designed to strike a balance between the President's constitutional war powers and Congress's own war powers and oversight responsibilities.

Some of us believe the War Powers Act went too far in undermining the separation of powers and infringing upon the authorities of the Commander in Chief. But apart from that debate, everyone should acknowledge that it was designed to stop Vietnams—the deployment of thousands of troops into sustained combat without congressional authorization, not the one-off

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